(c) the names of the countries which imported granite from India during the period; and

(d) whether Government have studied the problems of granite export industry, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Exports of granite and products thereof during the last three years, year-wise, are estimated to have been as under:—

Year	Quantity ('000 Mt)	Value (Rs. Million)
1988-89	543.2	1300.8
1989-90	544.0	1470.0
1990-91	732.6	2270.0

During 1991-92, granite exports are anticipated to increase by 35 percent in Rupee terms.

(c) The main countries which imported granite from India during the last three years were Japan, Italy, USA, UK, Germany and Netherlands.

(d) The main problems of granite export industry are non-sanction/delay in sanctioning of mining leases by the concerned State Governments and restrictions on inter-state movement of granite rough blocks imposed by some of the States.

Quantum of Grants-in-Aid for code and Non-Code Activities

1744. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual quantum of grant-in-aid for Code and non-Code activities released to IIFT, TFAI, TDA FIEO and various Export Promotion Councils during the past three financial years. i.e. 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) what is the disbursements made to each and what provisions have been made for the year 1991-92; and

(c) whether there is a proopsal to cut off or taper off all such grants during next 2 or 3 years, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The grant-in-aid released to IIFT, TFAI, TDA, FIEO and various Export Promotion Councils during the past three financial years for their Code and non-Code activities was as under:

	Rs. Crores
1988-89	24.1698
1989-90	28.0558
1990-91	28.8220

The amount disbursed to each of the aforesaid organisations is given in the statement enclosed (*see* below). For the financial year 1991-92, a provision of Rs. 44.00 crores has been made towards grant-in-aid to the said organisations and other approved organisations eligible for MDA grant.

(c) An exercise is already underway to review the working of Export Promotion Councils and other promotional agencies under the Commerce Ministry. This exercise would also include efforts towards making these agencies self supporting.

Statement

Grants-in-aid released for code & non-code activities to various EPCS/Grantee organisations during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90 *and* 1990-91 (*19 EPCS and IIFT, TFAI, TDA, FIEO*)

(In lakhs of Rupees)

Name of the EPC/Grantee Organisation	Grant-in-aid released in			Remarks
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	
1	2	3	4	5
1. Apparel EPC	NIL	NIL	NIL	The matter regarding released of withheld grants of the council is presently under consideration.
2. Basic Chemiclas and Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics EPC . .	28.49	50.59	37.39	
3. Carpet EPC	7.80	9.44	17.19	
4. Cashew EPC	20.41	17.39	10.90	
5. Cotton Textiles EPC . . .	NIL	NIL	NIL	The council is voluntarily not taking any grant from Govt.
6. Chemicals and Allied Products EPC	59.71	88.49	74.13	
7. Council for Leather Exports .	51.92	81.22	83.95	
8. EPC for Handlicrafts . .	7.90	13.53	12.99	
9. Engineering EPC; . . .	244.08	209.16	227.48	
10. Electronics and Computer Software EPC	21.40	41.32	49.95	
11. Federation of Indian Export Orgasations	45.00	35.00	42.00	
12. Gem & Jewellery EPC . . .	45.80	43.53	64.53	
13. Handloom EPC	4.43	15.29	27.25	
14. Indian Silk EPC . . .	21.66	25.76	10.94	
15. Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	133.32	158.50	159.55	
16. Overseas Construction Council of India	9.65	10.34	8.60	
17. Plastics and Linoleums EPC . .	21.00	20.47	20.84	
18. Sports Goods EPC . . .	8.92	15.72	23.67	
19. Synthetics & Rayons Textiles EPC	21.62	14.26	25.32	

1	2	3	4	5
20. Shellac EPC	5.05	13.46	8.00	
21. Trade Development Authority .	485.37	527.62	566.52	
22. Trade Fair Authority of India .	1160.00	1390.00	1381.00	
23. Wool & Woollens EPC . . .	13.45	23.49	21.00	
TOTAL (In lakhs):— . Rs.	2416.98	2805.58	2882.20	
Or				
(In Crores) :— . . Rs.	24.1698	28.0558	28.8220	

Appeal Pending before Grievance cell

1745. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of appeals or references separately pending as on 1st November, 1991 before the Grievance Cell and the Appellate Committee and the dates on which such appeals were filed; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in disposing of these appeals or references which are pending for over six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are 11 cases pending in the Grievance Cell. Out of these 2 cases were received in the year 1990 and 9 in the year 1991 (upto 1st November) 126 cases are pending before the Appellate Committee. These appeals were filed between 1987 to 1991 (upto 1-11-1991) 4 in 1987, 7 in 1988, 16 in 1989, 9 in 1990 and 90 in 1991).

(b) 6 grievance references and 60 cases for the Appellate Committee are pending for over six months. Delay in respect of grievance references is mainly due to the fact that relevant case files and other papers are collected from various field offices throughout the country. Reasons for delay in the cases for the Appellate Committee include non-compliance with the provisions of Section 4(M) of Imports and Export (Control) Act, 1947 by the appellants for example (i) delay in deposit of penalty amount/non-submission of Bank Guarantee where Bank Guarantee is agreed to in lieu of deposit of penalty (ii) delay in submission by appellants of the required documents specified in the Hand Book of Procedures despite repeated reminders by the Government (iii) requests by appellants for postponement of personal hearing before the Appellate Committee.

Streamlining movement of goods from factories to Foreign destination

1746. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to streamline the movement of goods from factories to foreign destinations without any delay;

(b) whether the ports of the country are being adequately equiped to handle the cargo by expanding their capacity; and